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TO: ALL LICENSED CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

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SUBJECT: **CHILDREN'S CRISIS RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM (CCRP)
INTERIM LICENSING STANDARDS**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

The purpose of this PIN is to provide licensees with the Interim Licensing Standards for a new optional licensing sub-category of a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) called Children's Crisis Residential Program (CCRP).

On January 1, 2018, [Assembly Bill 501 Mental Health: Community Care Facilities \(Chapter 704, Statutes of 2017\)](#), became law and created the licensing sub-category of CCRP. The program provides for STRTP to operate a children's crisis residential mental health program for children experiencing a mental health crisis. This program is designed as an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization. The Department is authorized to begin licensing CCRP's effective January 1, 2019.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in consultation with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and stakeholders, has developed CCRP interim licensing standards, which implement the provisions of AB 501 using the existing STRTP regulatory framework. The CCRP standards only apply to STRTPs applying for or wanting to operate a CCRP. Applying for or operating a CCRP **are optional** for currently licensed STRTPs.

Some of the highlights for a Children's Crisis Residential Program are as follows:

- "Children's Crisis Residential Program" means a facility licensed by the Department as a short-term residential therapeutic program pursuant to Section 1562.02 and approved by the State Department of Health Care Services, or a county mental health plan to which the State Department of Health Care Services has delegated approval authority, to operate a children's crisis residential mental health program approval pursuant to Section 11462.011 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to serve children experiencing mental health crises as an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization.
- A CCRP may admit individuals up to 21 years of age including foster children and nonminor dependents that meet admission eligibility requirements.
- A CCRP facility shall be limited to fewer than 16 beds, with at least half of those beds in single occupancy rooms.
- The maximum length of stay at a CCRP is 10 days.

The three facility-types of Children's Crisis Residential Programs are as follows:

1. STRTP & CCRP within one building

- Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program where the licensed facility operates as both a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program and a Children's Crisis Residential Program within one building.
- The licensed facility shall have an identifiable and physically separate unit for the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program and the Children's Crisis Residential Program as per section 87098.87(d).
 - An identifiable and physically separate unit shall include, but not be limited to, a dedicated floor or a distinct wing.

2. STRTP & CCRP on a single campus with separate buildings

- Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program where the licensed facility operates as both a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program and a Children's Crisis Residential Program where the Children's Crisis Residential Program is in a separate cottage or building.

3. STRTP that operates solely as a CCRP

- A Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program where the entire licensed facility operates as a Children's Crisis Residential Program.

The interim licensing standards can be found on the [Department's Community Care Licensing Division website](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Childrens-Residential/Resources-for-Providers/Laws-and-Regulations) at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Childrens-Residential/Resources-for-Providers/Laws-and-Regulations> and will remain in effect until the adoption of formal regulations for CCRP. Furthermore, additional DHCS requirements can be obtained from information notices publications posted on the

[DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/MHSUDS-Information-Notices.aspx) at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/MHSUDS-Information-Notices.aspx>.

45-DAY FEEDBACK PERIOD

Questions or feedback regarding this PIN or its enclosures may be submitted to Leeland Turner, Policy Manager, Children's Residential Program office at leeland.turner@dss.ca.gov within 45-calendar days from the date of this PIN.